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SUBJECT: ICRC INVITATION TO PRESIDENT CARTER

- 1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) EXTENDING INVITATION TO PRESIDENT CARTER TO CALL AT ICRC HEADQUARTERS HERE IN COURSE OF HIS VISIT FOR MEETING WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD. (SIMILAR INVITATION IS BEING EXTENDED CONCURRENTLY TO PRESIDENT ASSAD. ALTERNATIVELY, RED CROSS PROPOSES THAT ICRC PRESIDENT ALEXANDRE HAY, ACCOMPANIED BY ICRC DELEGATE GENERAL FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA MELCHIOR BORSINGER AND ICRC DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS JEAN-PIERRE HOCKE CALL ON PRESIDENT CARTER AT LOCATION TO BE DESIGNATED.
- 2. IN THE PAST ICRC PRESIDENTS HAVE CALLED ON US PRESIDENTS, MOST RECENTLY IN THE CASE OF FORMER ICRC PRESIDENT NAVILLE'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. ICRC HAS PROVIDED VALUABLE SERVICES IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN INTERESTED, SUCH AS IN INDOCHINA AND LEBANON. MISSION HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS, HOWEVER, ABOUT SINGLING OUT ICRC FOR RECOGNITION WHILE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND AND UN ORGANIZATIONS BASED HERE (SUCH AS THE WHO WHICH WILL BE MEETING AT THEAT TIME) ARE NOT ACCORDED SPECIAL RECOGNITION. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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RECOMMEND AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION ON THIS RESTRICTED OCCASION.SORENSON

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